(MR. SPEAKER.)

Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st day of March 1955 in respect of 'Charges on account of Motor Vehicles Acts'."

The Motion was adopted.

DEMAND No. 7—OTHER TAXES AND DUTIES.

13. OTHER TAXES AND DUTIES.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Motion moved:

"That a sum not exceeding Rs. 9,15,000 be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st day of March 1955 in respect of 'Other Taxes and Duties'."

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಮಾದಯ್ಯ—(ನಂಜನಗೂಡು—ಅನುಸೂಚಿತ ಜಾತಿಗಳು).—ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ವಿನಂತಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಹಿಂದಿನ ಕಟ್‌ಮೋಷನ್ನಿಗೆ ಮಿನಿಸ್ಟರು ಜವಾಬು ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶವಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಏನು observe ಮಾಡಿದರೋ ಅದರ ಮೇಲೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉತ್ತರ ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಆಗಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದಕ್ಕೆ ಆಯಾ ಮಿನಿಸ್ಟರಿಗೆ ಜವಾಬು ಕೊಡಲು ಅವಕಾಶವಿರುವಂತೆ ಮುಂದಿನ ಕಟ್‌ಮೋಷನ್‌ಗಳ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಏರ್ಪಾಡು ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It lies with the Hon'ble Members. They must come to an understanding and inform me.

Legislation to hand over the Collection of Entertainment Tax to Local Bodies.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN (Chamarajapet).—Sir, I beg to move;

"That the demand under the head '13. Other Taxes and Duties' for Rs. 9,15,000 be reduced by Rs. 100 to raise a discussion on the failure of the Government to enact suitable legislation to hand over the collection of the entertainment tax to the local bodies."

Sir, Government is the agent in collecting the entertainment taxes on behalf of the municipalities and after deducting about 10 to 12 per cent of the collection charges, the rest of the money will be handed over to the municipalities. That is the usual pratice now prevailing. Sir, during the discussions in connection with the Inam Abolition Bill, many of our friends began to condemn the intermediaries. They said, inamdars who are intermediaries or agents should not exist. When we have condemned these agents and provided for their abolition, I do not know why the same rule should not be applicable in the case of Government acting as intermediaries.

A MEMBER.—Abolish Government?

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.—I do not want that Government should be abolished. But let the Government take it into its head that the power to collect the above taxes should be handed over to the municipalities. Sir, there is so much of leakage in the collection of this entertainment tax. For example, in the Corporation area there are about 40 cinema theatres both in the City and Civil Station. The total collection would not exceed four lakhs per year. Every year there will be some tournament or international wrestling tournament, etc. During the last wrestling tournament, as some of our friends have already brought to the notice of the Hon'ble Minister, the Entertainment Tax was not at all collected. The contractor was allowing people to go in even without buying tickets. When this matter was brought to the notice of the Minister, it was assured that such malpractices would not be allowed; but, as a matter of fact, they did continue and the Corporation lost to the extent of nearly 10 to 15 thousand rupees. Even in the cinema theatres, if you happen to go, in many cases you do not find stamps affixed on the cinema tickets at all and such things do prevail. I am sure on account of these leakages, the Corporation loses nearly about 1 to 2 lakhs every year. The Deputy Commissioner is the person who is directly supervising this collection of the tax. He has got a small establishment of one head clerk and one or two persons who collect